

Guards," a military—infantry—company recently organized in this place, from whom he has received no reply.

It is important to the company, that its officers should be commissioned soon, as no discipline can be enforced until that is done.

Capt. Slough requests me to ask you to do us the favor of commissioning the following officers, at your earliest convenience, to wit:

Nelson Slough Capt.

Chas. F. Harris⁸ 1st Lieutenant

Jno. C. Young⁹ 2d do.

L. S. Bingham 3d do.

Jas. C. Cannon¹⁰ 4th do.

J. C. H. Burkhead¹¹ Ensign.

In answering our request your Excellency will oblige the "Guards," & bring them under obligations to you & the good old state you govern should their services ever be required.

*Henry K. Craig*¹² to *John W. Ellis*.

G.L.B.

Ordinance Office, Washington: Jan 21, 1859.

In order that arrangements may be made to answer the calls of the States and Territories for arms to be issued during this year, under the Laws for arming and equipping the militia, you are respectfully requested to inform this office, what description of arms will be required by the State for the year 1859.

⁸Charles F. Harris, from Cabarrus County, Captain, Company A, Twentieth Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. Moore, *Roster of North Carolina Troops*, II, 144.

⁹John C. Young, from Cabarrus County, First Lieutenant, Company A, Twentieth Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. Moore, *Roster of North Carolina Troops*, II, 144.

¹⁰James C. Cannon, from Cabarrus County, Captain, Company D, Fifty-Seventh Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. Walter Clark (ed.), *Histories of the Several Regiments and Battalions from North Carolina in the Great War, 1861-'65* (Raleigh and Goldsboro: State of North Carolina, 5 volumes, 1901), III, 405, hereinafter cited as Clark, *North Carolina Regiments*.

¹¹J. C. H. Burkhead, in partnership with T. J. Meroney of Salisbury in a general grocery and variety store for about three years (1850-1853). Rumple, *The Rowan Story*, 332.

¹²Henry Knox Craig (?-1869), Colonel in the United States Army, Chief of Ordnance, 1851-1861; retired June, 1863. Francis B. Heitman, *Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army, From Its Organization, September 29, 1789, To March 2, 1903* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2 volumes 1903), I, 333, hereinafter cited as Heitman, *U. S. Army Register*.